



MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

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Minutes

Chair Moon called the public meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., noting that most Commissioners were participating by conference call, although Commissioner Falcone was present at the Commission offices.

Commissioners present: Conway, Falcone, Fleig, Grady, Kan, Lyles, McLean, Montgomery, Schneider, Tanio, Weinstein and Worthington.

ITEM 1.

ACTION: A Report of the Maryland Health Care Commission on Regulatory Oversight of Percutaneous Coronary Intervention in Maryland

Paul Parker, Acting Director of the Center for Hospital Services, discussed the four recommendations and provided the rationale for each recommendation. Mr. Parker stated the following recommendations:

- 1) Percutaneous coronary intervention should be identified as a service regulated by MHCC and, when provided in hospitals without cardiac surgical backup, requiring an exemption from Certificate of Need.
- 2) MHCC should be given statutory authority to oversee PCI and cardiac surgery, including existing cardiac surgery hospitals, on an ongoing basis after issuance of a CON or an exemption from CON. This ongoing regulatory authority will require that PCI and cardiac surgery programs meet minimum performance standards as a condition of continuing to provide PCI and cardiac surgery services.
- 3) MHCC should be identified in Health-General §§19-218 and 14-411 as a State agency that can receive and share information for the purpose of investigating quality or utilization of care in regulated facilities.
- 4) The words “open heart surgery” in Health-General §19-120(j)(2)(iii) should be changed to “cardiac surgery” to reflect current usage.

Following discussion, Commissioner Fleig made a motion to approve the report with certain minor changes and its release to the Governor and the General Assembly, which was seconded by Commissioner Lyles, and unanimously approved.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting concluded at 9:00 a.m.